

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE
100TH BIRTHDAY OF EDWARD G.
BUNTING, SR.

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition of the one hundredth birthday of Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr.

Whereas, Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr. celebrated his one hundredth birthday on July 2, 2018;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting valiantly served our country in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1946 to 1950, and embarked on a successful business career at Germantown Savings Bank for thirty-six years;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting, his late wife Elizabeth, and children Daniel, David, and Edward, Jr., have contributed substantially to our community; now, therefore, do I, Congressman BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, proudly recognize Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Jr., on the year of his one hundredth birthday celebration, and honor his remarkable accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING FRANKLIN
HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK
TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Franklin High School's Mock Trial team on winning the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

The 2018 championships saw teams from high schools all across the country. Passionate students from over 40 states, the Mariana Islands, Guam, and South Korea met in Nevada, and presented their meticulously crafted legal arguments to a judge in hopes of convincing a jury to sympathize with their side.

These students prepare for weeks in advance to put together their case and, given the importance of the justice system, it is encouraging to see teenagers show such enthusiasm to participate in it. Having worked as a prosecutor myself, I know the amount of preparation that is needed to effectively present your argument. The fact that these students have been nationally recognized for their ability to do so speaks to the bright future ahead of them.

This is the third time a mock trial team from Washington State has earned the national title—two of those times have been Franklin High School. I have no doubt that these students all have promising careers to look forward to.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Franklin High School's extraordinary achievement, and its students for their dedication to the legal system.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
REVEREND SAMUEL JOSEPH MAY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Samuel Joseph May, who served as the second minister of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah in Syracuse from 1845 to 1868. Reverend May spent his career championing prevalent social issues in the 19th century, including abolitionism, women's rights and education reform. For his advocacy of abolition, Reverend May was inducted into the National Abolition Hall of Fame in October 2018.

Samuel Joseph May was born on September 12, 1797 in Boston, Massachusetts. Following an incident that caused the death of his older brother, May decided to devote his life to God. He graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 1820 and became a Unitarian minister in Connecticut. Reverend May was the only Unitarian minister in Connecticut and this propelled him to the forefront of the Unitarian movement. Throughout the 1820's, Reverend May spread the Unitarian message with lectures and publications, such as the *The Liberal Christian*. His broader goal during this time was to create a more peaceful society and reform the education system.

In 1830, Reverend May was inspired to join the abolitionist movement after meeting William Lloyd Garrison. He began working with several anti-slavery organizations, striving to create racial equality and improve education in schools throughout New England. In 1845, after 15 years of advocacy in the abolitionist movement, Reverend May settled in Syracuse and became the pastor at the Unitarian Church of the Messiah.

Reverend May was extensively involved in aiding escaped slaves along the Underground Railroad after joining the Syracuse community. Most notably, he assisted in the rescue of a slave named William Henry who had been captured by local authorities. His efforts were ultimately successful and William Henry became a free man. Also while living in Syracuse, May increased his advocacy for women's rights and suffrage. His piece *The Rights and Condition of Women* spoke of struggles women faced in the 19th century, most notably the lack of women's voting rights. On July 1, 1871, Samuel Joseph May passed away at the age of 73.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the work of Reverend Samuel Joseph May. His efforts to free our world from the evils of slavery and create a more equal society set an outstanding example for all our communities. I congratulate Reverend May on his induction into the National Abolition Hall of Fame and applaud the efforts of all freedom fighters, past and present.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
SERGEANT (RET.) RICHARD TAY-
LOR

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to honor Mr. Richard "Dick" Taylor, a community leader from Bakersfield, California. Mr. Taylor retired this year from his position as the Director of the Kern County Veterans Service Department following a lifelong career of service to his community and nation.

Born and raised in Bakersfield, Dick attended East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. Throughout his youth, he had a keen interest in the Armed Services and serving his nation, which pushed him to join the United States Marine Corps. During his military service, Dick served around the world, with deployments in South America and around the Mediterranean Sea. Additionally, he served as a sergeant in several infantry units with the First Marine Division, with the 1st Battalion 5th Marines and 2nd Battalion 5th Marines, serving as a Section Leader in an 81mm Mortar Platoon, then as the Battalion Armorer. Prior to leaving the Marines with an honorable discharge, Dick received many medals over his career of service, including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment ribbon.

Upon returning to Bakersfield, Dick quickly re-immersed himself in the community he called home, working at his family's Goodyear dealership, which he operated as President and General Manager for 27 years. Dick also got involved in matters impacting the state and county, serving as a delegate to the California Republican Party and also as a Field Representative for the California Off-Road Vehicle Association. He played a key role in establishing neighborhood watches across Kern County by partnering with the Kern County Sheriffs Department to deliver presentations to communities. For six years, Dick continued his service to our community by working as a Field Representative for Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard. Today, Dick continues to serve as one of Kern County's Liaison Representatives for the Devil Pups Youth Program for America, where he counsels and trains Kern County's youth in moral and ethical citizenship.

Despite his many accomplishments, Dick is best known in town for his dedication to helping the veterans of Kern County. As the Kern County Veterans Service Officer, Dick worked each day to promote and honor all veterans, connecting Kern County's approximately 47,000 local veteran heroes with the resources and services they fought and sacrificed so much for. He is a happy warrior with a tireless work ethic, and his passion for our community's veterans extends far beyond his desk at the Kern County Veterans Service Department. It is not uncommon to see Dick throughout Kern County supporting causes and organizations, such as Kern County Honor Flight, the Veterans History Project, and the Wounded Heroes Project. His efforts have directly made the Kern community a better, more supportive place for veterans to live.